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## WILL SEND BECKER TO THE CHAIR

### WHITMAN ON THE CONFESSION OF DAGO FRANK.

Thinks it Will Aid Materially in Convicting Becker in the New Trial.— Says That It Showed That a Master Mind Concocted the Plot to Murder Rosenthal — Says Dago Frank's Ante-Mortem Statement Does Not Contradict the Others.

New York, April 14.—"Dago Frank" Cirofici's dying confession regarding the Rosenthal murder will aid materially in sending Former Police Lieutenant Becker to the chair, according to the view of District Attorney Whitman, expressed today. Whitman declared that Cirofici's ante-mortem statement in no essential detail contradicted the stories of Webber, Vallon and others who informed, and said it almost absolutely confirmed by "Bald Jack" Rose's statement in the tragedy. Tomorrow the district attorney will move to have Becker's second trial set for the first day of May.

#### Smallpox.

The unvaccinated are the dangerous people. They are the ones, and the only ones that perpetuate this loathsome disease, that cause gullible public officials to erect "pest houses" at public expense. And, by the way, public expense usually means at the expense of the vaccinated, for the best and most intelligent people of today are vaccinated. Only the careless, the ignorant, and particularly the negroes, are unvaccinated. To which class do you belong?

In the spirited three-cornered contest among the Democrats the Republicans of Kentucky affect to see a chance to win the United States senatorship this year. At present the Republican leaders are casting about for a standard bearer. It is said they may decide to put Judge Andrew M. J. Cochran, of the United States Court of the Eastern District of Kentucky, whose home is in Maysville. The senatorial nominations of both parties will be made in the State primaries next August.

## BIG FIRE IN BOSTON.

### Seven Dead and Another Missing as Result of Fire in a Fashionable Hotel.

Boston, Mass., April 14.—Seven are dead and another is missing as a result of a savage fire in the fashionable Hotel Melvin early today, which trapped the inmates in their beds. The flames surged through the thirty Kitchennette apartments with inconceivable rapidity and drove many into the small balconies, whence fear forced them to leap to death or injury on the pavement below. The fire was very spectacular. The flames blocked the stairways and one woman who tried to escape from a fourth story window by rope lost her hold and crushed her skull on the pavement. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

### Presbyterians Down Baptists in Debate.

Winston-Salem, April 13.—The silver cup offered by the local chamber of commerce as a debaters' trophy passed into the hands of the Davidson debaters at the close of the Wake Forest-Davidson debate here tonight amid storms of applause and college yells for Davidson and Salem.

The question was "Resolved, that all candidates for elective offices in North Carolina should be nominated by a district primary modeled after the Wisconsin plan rather than by the convention plan." Davidson had the affirmative side of the question and was represented by Messrs. M. H. Marvin and C. L. King, debaters, and H. C. Smith, alternate. The negative was held by Wake Forest, with Messrs. J. M. Pritchard and E. P. Yates, debaters, and J. P. Mull, alternate.

This is the second of the three annual debates, and the debate last year was won by Davidson. This is the first time Wake Forest has ever been defeated in a series of debates and the Presbyterians are consequently elated.

### Dance Last Night.

The Easter dance at the Elks' Home last evening was one of the most largely attended dances of the year. About 30 couples were present. The club room was prettily decorated with ferns and evergreens and bunches of real flowers surrounded the handsome punch bowl from which punch was poured. Music was furnished by a Salisbury orchestra and dancing was from 9 to 2.

Receipt books, 5 cents each, at The Times-Tribune office.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED.

### County Commissioners Award Contracts for Building New Jail and Additions to Court House.

The board of county commissioners held a special session yesterday for the purpose of considering bids for building the new jail and making improvements to the court house. The board recently considered the bids but rejected them. The aggregate of the first bids was \$34,000. The aggregate of the bids yesterday was \$29,561.14, a difference of \$4,439.

The general contract (brick work) was awarded to Garrison & Campbell, of Charlotte, \$19,000. Plumbing, E. B. Grady Plumbing Company, Concord, \$1,171. Heating, Tuoney Teating Company, Charlotte, \$1,875.

The contract for the cells and steel work was awarded at a previous meeting to the Camden Iron Works, of Salem Va.

The board decided not to award the contract for the wiring and flooring in the court house until a later date.

The work is to begin within 15 days.

### Bost.-Faggart.

Sunday afternoon at the close of the service Miss Ethel Faggart and Mr. Robert Bost were united in marriage at Center Grove Methodist Church, near Georgeville. At the conclusion of the last hymn, Rev. C. F. Sherrill, the pastor, stepped down into the chancel, when the young couple came forward, and were made one by the beautiful Methodist ceremony. The marriage was a complete surprise to all present except a very few. Mr. Bost is the son of Mr. Martin Bost, of No. 11 township, near Bost's Mill, and Mrs. Bost is the attractive daughter of Mr. John Faggart and has made her home with her grandfather, Mr. J. D. Baugh.

### Mrs. Cannon Entertains.

Miss Ashley Lowe was the honoree at another delightful social event yesterday afternoon given by Mrs. E. T. Cannon at her home on North Sprinz street. Cards were played, and there were six tables. Following the game Master Martin Luther Cannon, Jr., entered bearing a huge Easter egg, which he presented to the honoree. The egg contained many dainty and useful gifts from the guests. Following the game and the presentation of the gifts refreshments were served.

When a man gets old enough to take advice and wise enough not to give it, he isn't on earth to profit by either.

## THAW'S DEMAND FOR WRIT UPHELD

### NO FORMAL ORDER MADE TO DISCHARGE HIM.

Judge Aldrich at Concord, N. H., Gives Lengthy Opinion as to Whether or Not New York State Took Proper Course in Seeking Extradition of Thaw.—The State Will Be Given Ample Time to Perfect Appeal to Supreme Court.

Concord, N. H., April 14.—Thaw's demand for a writ of habeas corpus was held today by Judge Aldrich in a lengthy opinion devoted to a discussion as to whether New York State took the proper course in seeking the return of Thaw by extradition. The court holds that the constitutional right of extradition for crime does not reasonably apply to such a case as this where the right is contended for by demanding that the State he resides in a decree for custody, based on insanity, and where its papers upon their face negate the idea of personal criminal responsibility. The court made no formal order for the discharge of the prisoner, but will give New York State ample time to perfect an appeal to the United States Supreme Court. It places the question of bail in the hands of the Federal Supreme Court.

### Killed at Contract Camp at Baden.

There was another homicide at the Aluminum Works Sunday night, a negro was killed by another negro at the camp of Contractor George, who has a railroad contract at the works. Word of the killing was brought to Salisbury by passengers on the morning train to Norwood, and the same authority refers to the fact that a large shipment of whisky unloaded Saturday night at the works is directly to blame for the Sunday night homicide. According to facts in the case 230 gallons of whisky were unloaded down there Saturday, two trains contributing 115 gallons, and readily and quickly distributed itself among the many workers at the various contract camps. The names of the men could not be learned, neither the man killed or the slayer, but, however, were negroes.

### Sale of Blackwelder Property.

Arthur Blackwelder, executor of the estate of the late A. J. Blackwelder, sold the real estate belonging to the estate at public auction at the court house today at noon. The property consisted of seven lots located a short distance from South Spring street near Mr. C. A. Cook's residence. The sales were as follows: Lot No. 1 to J. L. Miller, \$126; Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Gilbert Hendrix, \$50; Nos. 7, 8, and 9 to J. L. Miller, \$818. Two shares of stock in Citizens Bank & Trust Company were purchased by H. M. Winecoff for \$71 a share, (par value, \$50.) The bids will be open for seven days for 5 per cent. increase.

### Hearing Resumed.

Raleigh, N. C., April 14.—After a brief re-direct examination of assistant Comptroller Matthews, of the Seaboard, before the rate commission this morning, expert Hillman testified at length for the State. He said the methods of railroads are entirely wrong in dividing freight and passenger business cost the division between inter and intra state freight business and of ascertaining which are local trains in freight service. A proper termination, he said, would afford the Southern ample revenue, under the justice act rates.

### President Back at White House.

Washington, April 13.—President Wilson returned here early today from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and went to the White House for breakfast. With him were Secretary McAdoo, Miss Eleanor Wilson and Francis B. Sayre, the president's son-in-law. Mrs. Sayre and Miss Margaret Wilson remained at the springs with Mrs. Wilson, where they will stay for another week. The president probably will again join them on Friday.

### Opening in Southern League.

Atlanta, Ga., April 14.—The Southern League started on its fourteenth season today, with Memphis playing at Chattanooga, Mobile at Birmingham, New Orleans at Montgomery and Nashville meeting the Atlanta champions in this city. The league circuit is the same as last season. Five of the eight teams have new managers and in addition there are many new players on the rolls.

### Jack Johnson Gets a New Trial.

Chicago, April 14.—The United States Court of Appeals reversed the judgment of the lower court in sentencing Jack Johnson, the negro fighter, to imprisonment for one year and one day on the white slavery charges and granted him a new trial. The five thousand dollar fine was also set aside.

## NO HOPE OF RELIEF FROM EXCESSIVE RATES

### Meeting to be Held This Evening to Discuss Insurance Matter.

Mr. Editor: After a thorough investigation of the fire insurance situation here, and after repeated requests to get the Southeastern Tariff Association to treat us with some consideration we must say that we see no hope of any relief from excessive rates if we depend upon this Tariff Association to give them to us. They are determined to hold to the present rates as a rule even if we put in a fire alarm system and truck, and we will have to wait on the next legislature to get the relief demanded by our people, so far as it effects our basic rates. The thing that we must do now is to work under the present laws and under these our only recourse is to appeal to Mr. Jas. R. Young, insurance commissioner of North Carolina, who, under a recent statute, has supervision of the rating bureau of the State. We appeal his letter showing how the matter can be taken up. With a view of lowering many rates in individual cases, according to his letter, a meeting of the citizens is called for this evening in the city hall.

We understand that in adjoining towns with even greater fire risks than we have and with less fire fighting apparatus they have from 25 to 50 per cent. less rates. Let every one, whether a merchant or not, who thinks his rates are too high be at this meeting this evening.

G. E. D. KESTLER, President.

Merchants Association.

Raleigh, N. C., April 8, 1914.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst., and note the same under the law passed by the last Legislature I have the right to supervise and look into the work of any rating bureau, but have no right to order a change of rates. However, with publicity I can get any rates corrected that are absolutely unjust or unreasonable, and I am willing to do all I can along this line.

I would suggest you get up and send me any rates in your town or among your membership that, in your opinion, are not right. I will then take up with the rating bureau these rates, get from them the data upon which they are made, look into it thoroughly and take the matter up with you.

In sending me the rates kindly give me the names of the owners of the property, the occupants and also location of the property in order that I may make a thorough and intelligent investigation of the same. I am, with best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
J. R. YOUNG,  
Insurance Commissioner.

### James Seligman 90 Years Old.

New York, April 14.—James Seligman, New York's oldest banker and one of the original founders of the famous banking house of J. & W. Seligman & Co., celebrated his ninetieth birthday today. Mr. Seligman was one of eight brothers, all of whom were born in Germany and in early life emigrated to America. James Seligman in early youth joined two of his elder brothers who had preceded him to the United States. For several years after his arrival he worked as a carpenter in Bethlehem, Pa. Subsequently he engaged in mercantile business in the South and later joined with his brothers in similar enterprises in San Francisco, St. Louis and other cities. In 1862 the brothers embarked in the banking business in New York. Later they established banks in Paris, Frankfurt and other cities of Europe. Like the organization of the still more famous Rothschild banking firm, all the Seligman brothers had an equal interest jointly in the profits of all the firms.

### To Try Two for Murder.

Benton, Ark., April 14.—A special term of court convened here today for trial of Clarence Lee Dewein and "Shorty" Joe Strong, the two youths charged with the murder of L. H. Thompson last fall. The victim, who was an aged merchant, was beaten to death and then robbed. According to the authorities both of the accused men have made complete confessions of their guilt in connection with the crime. Dewein's parents, who are respectable and well-to-do residents of Belleville, Ill., have retained C. P. Johnson, former lieutenant governor of Missouri, to assist in the defense of their son.

### Meeting of Concord Presbytery at Rocky River Church.

Concord Presbytery will convene at Rocky River Church Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p. m. In addition to routine business several features of interest may be noted. On Wednesday the educational address by Dr. Martin, president of Davidson, and the memorial address upon the life and services of Rev. J. S. Summers, deceased, late pastor of Poplar Tent, No. 21, at Rocky River, will be presented and accepted with appropriate exercises held at the church.

Miss Laura McGill Cannon will return tonight from Winston-Salem, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Douglas, for several days.

## SHOT AT ENEMY AND THEN DROPPED DEAD

### Lexington Man Put Bullet Into Another's Hand and Collapsed Himself.

Lexington, April 13.—This morning at the Erlanger Cotton mill, just north of the city, W. T. Childers, an employe of the mill, shot C. L. Rowe, in the hand, fired two more shots at him and then dropped dead from excitement.

The shooting occurred in the private office of Superintendent Gamewell. There had been trouble at Childers' boarding house Saturday night between him and Rowe, who is an employe of the company engaged in erecting the new machinery at the mill. According to Childers' statement, Rowe came to his boarding house Saturday night and made an improper proposal to one of the young women there. When ordered away Rowe refused to go and Childers shoved him off the porch. There was complaint on the part of persons living near the new machinery and Superintendent Gamewell had the two men in his office for an investigation. He was sitting between the two men when they renewed their quarrel. Childers drew a .38-calibre Colt's revolver and began firing, shooting twice over Mr. Gamewell's head. The first shot went wild but the second struck Rowe in the hand. Rowe started to run and Childers followed, shooting again as Rowe dashed into the main office. When Childers reached the door, Rowe had disappeared. He walked down the steps and out onto the sidewalk and dropped dead.

### Liquor Caused Trouble.

#### Said to Have Been 230 Gallons Shipped to Whitney.

Salisbury, April 13.—The latest reports from Whitney today are that 230 gallons of liquor, shipped into the place Saturday, brought fruit Sunday, one negro being killed at George's Camp several miles out on a grade. It is said by well-posted persons that there was more drinking Sunday than has been seen in this section for five years.

### A Reasonable Poem.

At Fairbrother, in Everything,  
I wandered today to the hill, Maggie,  
To watch the scene below,  
The bill boards were there just the same, Maggie,  
As they were in the long ago.  
The tin cans were still in the yards,  
Maggie,  
From whence mosquitoes sprung—  
The same cans that we left, Maggie,  
When you and I were young?  
Put now we are aged and gray, Maggie,  
And the trials of life nearly done,  
Let us swat all the flies that we can,  
Maggie,  
And feel that we are young!

### TRADE IN CONCORD

## MEXICAN POLICY HANGS IN BALANCE

### MAY BE RADICAL CHANGE IN NEXT 48 HOURS.

Unless Mexican Federal Commander at Tampico Salutes Our Flag, the United States May Be Forced to Make a Warlike Move.—President Held Lengthy Conference With Secretary Bryan.—Mr. Bryan Says He Will Not Be Able to Take His Florida Vacation.—Situation Not Clearing.

Washington, April 14.—The government's Mexican policy hung in the balance today. Whether there is to be a radical change will be determined within the next forty-eight hours. Unless the Mexican federal commander at Tampico salutes the Stars and Stripes very shortly this government will be forced to make the first warlike move.

President Wilson held a lengthy conference with Secretary Bryan and Special Envoy Lind in the private study in the White House proper. Significance is attached to the fact that Cone Johnson, now solicitor and legal expert of the State Department, was called in. This is believed to indicate that the conference considered the Spanish situation.

Following the conference Secretary Bryan said that he could make nothing public yet. That the situation is not clearing was indicated when Mr. Bryan said he did not know when he could be able to take his two weeks vacation to Florida. He had intended to start this afternoon.

### Atlanta Grand Opera Season.

Atlanta, Ga., April 14.—With the other cities in Georgia and all sections of the South, Atlanta is going to put over the biggest grand opera season April 27th to May 6th that the world has ever seen.

Indications show that more people will attend grand operas during the seven days here than have ever attended opera shows in seven consecutive days in New York, Paris or Milan.

So that another opera record will be broken by Dixie. Already many records have been broken. It was in Atlanta, for instance, that Caruso sang to 8,000 people, the largest opera audience in his career. Atlanta is the only city in the world where Caruso sings three times in opera in one week. And Atlanta, with the help of the South, is the only city in North America, outside of New York, where grand opera has been made to pay.

Henry M. Esterly, an attorney of Portland, is a candidate for the position of Democratic national committeeman for Oregon.

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